

"Look at your mission, see what you have to do it with, and then work out the most sensible (which may frequently be the most unusual and most audacious) way of doing it—and let fly. Use your brain, your imagination, your initiative."

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## **PREFACE**

This manual provides doctrine, tactics, techniques, and procedures on how all infantry rifle companies fight. Infantry rifle companies include light infantry companies, air assault, airborne, ranger, and H-series infantry (Reserve Component). This manual is aligned with the Army's AirLand Battle doctrine and is not intended to be a stand-alone publication. An understanding of FM 7-8 and FM 7-20 is essential. Also, the references section provides publications that users of this manual must be familiar with.

The primary audiences for this manual are the rifle company commander; his executive officer, first sergeant, and platoon leaders; instructors in TRADOC schools; and writers of infantry training literature. The secondary audiences include other infantry company commanders (HHC and antiarmor), infantry battalion staff officers, service schools, and ROTC and military academy instructors.

Tough, realistic training is inherently dangerous; therefore, commanders and leaders must instill an awareness of individual and unit safety and always consider the welfare of their soldiers. All soldiers must be alert to potential risks and safety violations. The specifics of how to train the company are explained in ARTEP 7-10 MTP, requiring users to understand the TTP discussed in this manual.

This manual does not present the tactical solution to all tactical situations. Infantry leaders are expected to use the doctrine, tactics, techniques, and procedures discussed in this manual as part of a detailed estimate of the situation. They can then develop an effective plan to accomplish the assigned mission.

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